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SUBJECT: SUGAR HEARINGS: PRESENTATIONS FOR ARGENTINA,
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1. LOBBYISTS REPRESENTING SUGAR SUPPLIERS IN ADDRESSEE
COUNTRIES APPEARED BEFORE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MARCH
7. STATEMENTS COVERING POINTS SET OUT PARA 3 REFTEL WERE
MADE.

2. WILLIAM JOYCE, REPRESENTING ARGENTINA, REQUESTED THAT
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ARGENTINE QUOTA BE MAINTAINED AT CURRENT LEVEL. HE SAID

ARGENTINA HAS BEEN RELIABLE SUPPLIER AND NEEDS SUGAR SALES TO HELP OFFSET IMBALANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, AND NOTED THAT WAGE SCALES IN ARGENTINA ARE HIGHER THAN IN OTHER LA COUNTRIES. DURING QUESTIONING JOYCE WAS ASKED ABOUT ARGENTINE POSITION ON CONTINUED U.S. SOVEREIGNTY IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE AND PRESSURE ON U.S. COMPANIES TO EXPORT VEHICLES TO CUBA. CONGRESSMAN RARICK, WHEN JOYCE RESPONDED THAT HE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ON GOA POLICIES, ASKED JOYCE TO TELL HIS PRINCIPALS THAT CONGRESS IS INTERESTED AND WILL WATCH ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE NOTED.

3. REPRESENTING BOLIVIA, HERBERT WATERS ASKED FOR QUOTA OF 40,000 SHORT TONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BANZER GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN BOLIVIA RELATIVE POLITICAL STABILITY AND HAS ESTABLISHED CLIMATE FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN SUGAR PRODUCTION. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT LETTER HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO COMMITTEE RECONFIRMING BOLIVIAN INTENTION TO FILL 1974 QUOTA. JOYCE STATED THAT MAJOR EXPROPRIATION CLAIMS BY U.S. COMPANIES HAVE BEEN SETTLED. CHAIRMAN POAGE, NOTING THAT LAWYER FOR APPELATE-YOUNGQUIST WILL TESTIFY MARCH 8, SUGGESTED THAT BOLIVIA SETTLE THIS CASE BEFORE SUGAR ACT CONSIDERATION IS COMPLETED SINCE BILL CAN BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME BEFORE FINAL ENACTMENT. JOYCE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THIS TO GOB AND SAID HE BELIEVED GOOD FAITH EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO RESOLVE MATTER.

4. JOHN MAHONEY, FOR SOUTH AFRICA, REQUESTED QUOTA OF NOT LESS THAN 75,000 TONS. HIS TESTIMONY PUT EMPHASIS ON SOUTH AFRICAN STATUS AS MAJOR SUGAR EXPORTER AND STEPS WHICH INDUSTRY IS TAKING TO AID SMALL, PREDOMINANTLY BLACK GROWERS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, MAHONEY ATTEMPTED DIS-SOCIATE INDUSTRY FROM SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT RACIAL POLICIES. HE ALSO CLOSELY QUESTIONED ON LABOR STANDARDS IN SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY.

5. GEORGE PENDLETON, FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, REQUESTED RETENTION OF ROC'S CURRENT SHARE OF U.S. MARKET. HE STRESSED DEPENDABILITY OF ROC AS SUGAR SOURCE AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. NO BILATERAL ISSUES WERE RAISED DURING QUESTIONING.

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6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED WITH WITNESSES PHILOSOPHY OF SUGAR ACT AND AGREED TO TAKE QUOTA REQUESTS UNDER ADVISEMENT.

7. TEXTS OF STATEMENTS WILL BE POUCHED. KISSINGER

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